### Measures introduced in Member countries related to COVID-19

**Country: Germany**

**Date: 17/04/2020**

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<td>By letter dated 6. March 2020, the federal states have been requested to make exceptions of enforcing weekend bans for heavy goods vehicles. This is exercised in all federal states by now comprehensively. Information on the duration of the exceptions in the different federal states can be found here (German language): [<a href="https://www.bag.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/Sonstige/Uebersicht_Allgemeinver">https://www.bag.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/Sonstige/Uebersicht_Allgemeinver</a> fuerung%CC%84nverf%C3%BCgungen_zum_Sonn- und_Feiertagsfahrverbot_20200408.pdf?_blob=publicationFile](<a href="https://www.bag.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/Sonstige/Uebersicht_Allgemeinver">https://www.bag.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/Sonstige/Uebersicht_Allgemeinver</a> fuerung%CC%84nverf%C3%BCgungen_zum_Sonn- und_Feiertagsfahrverbot_20200408.pdf?_blob=publicationFile)</td>
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Germany has notified a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers of vehicles transporting essential goods such as food, medicine, medical protective equipment and fuels. This relaxation is **18/03/2020 - 17/05/2020**.
The measures were extended until May 17, 2020 in accordance with Article 14 paragraph 2 of Regulation (EC) No. 561/2006.

- Art. 6(1): extension of the daily driving time limit to 10 hours no more than five times a week;
- Art. 8(6): possibility of taking two consecutive reduced weekly rest periods provided that:
  - the driver takes at least four weekly rest periods in these four consecutive weeks, of which at least two shall be regular weekly rest periods and;
  - the compensation for these two reduced weekly rest periods should be taken before the following rest period.

**Other:**

Germany has decided to introduce temporary border controls to further reduce the risk of infection from the Corona virus. The controls at the borders with Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxembourg and Denmark will apply until May 4, 2020.

Since March 20, 2020, border crossings at the land borders with Austria, France, Luxembourg, Denmark and Switzerland have only been possible at certain border crossing points. A list of these border crossing points is available on the internet:
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